

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

Claims 1 - 131 (cancelled).

Claim 132 (previously presented): A method for use with a broadcast system having a headend for broadcasting program material with commercials and a multiplicity of user locations, said method comprising:

receiving said program material being broadcast; and
dealing with said commercials,

wherein, for at least one of said commercials, said dealing with said commercials comprises dealing with said one commercial by presenting alternative shortened versions of other commercials in response to a user request to view said one commercial in a fast-forward or fast-backward mode.

Claim 133 (cancelled).

Claim 134 (previously presented): The method according to claim 132 and wherein the alternative shortened versions of other commercials comprise prepared meaningful shortened versions of a full commercial.

Claim 135 (previously presented): The method according to claim 132 and wherein each alternative shortened version has a duration of approximately three seconds.

Claim 136 (previously presented): The method according to claim 135 and wherein each alternative shortened version has a duration of exactly three seconds.